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Documents Prove Mufti a War Criminal

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Documentary evidence that Haj Amin el Husseini, ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, is a war criminal even under the technical definition given by Hector McNeil, British Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, is now in possession of the New York Post.

McNeil told Parliament last Monday: "Technically, the Grand Mufti is not a war criminal since he was not an enemy national and did not serve in the armed forces of the enemy."

One document, portions of which are reproduced in an adjoining column, is a report by a British security officer about enemy activity in Iraq during the war. It tells how four enemy agents, whose names are given, parachuted into Iraq on a sabotage mission under orders of the Grand Mufti. It is signed by Wing Commander H. K. Dawson Shepherd, Defense Security Officer. The date is Dec. 9, 1944.

Agents Confessed

This and many other documents available to the British government from its own files prove what is common knowledge—that the Grand Mufti not only served in the armed forces of the enemy but actually organized Axis activities in the Middle East. German parachutists and saboteurs captured in Syria, Palestine and Iraq during the war confessed they had been sent by the Mufti. The 1941 Axis revolt in Iraq was engineered by the Mufti and Rashid Ali Kellani.

Undersecretary McNeil can find details in the elaborate report made by Wing Commander Domville at Cairo, Dec. 1, 1941, and in the reports of Rex Marriot, Defense Security Commander, Baghdad.

For reasons best known to itself, the British government has chosen to ignore these reports. The Mufti, in what apparently is a deal between Britain and France, is expected to turn up soon in the Middle East. The French government recently announced he was free to go wherever he desired. He had been reported under arrest near Paris.

Nailing Down the Grand Mufti

Tel. After Parachute Expedition

Report No. 1

Defense Security Office,
C.I.O.I. 'Iraq,
Baghdad.

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9th December, 1944.

U. It is clear, however, that the expedition is sponsored by the Mufti and that the parachutists are all members of the Mufti's Arab Legion. That it intended to create disturbances, there is no doubt. In this connection, the ex-Mufti's broadcast on the occasion of the 'Id-ul-Adha' on the 25th November, reproduced at Appendix E, is not without interest.

Brief description of parachutists.

H. K. Dawson Shepherd,
Wing Commander,
Defense Security Officer.

Appendices.

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| A. | } | Personality notes on the four parachutists. |
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| E. | } | The ex-Mufti's speech. |
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THIS BRITISH DOCUMENT, signed by Wing Commander H. K. Dawson Shepherd, tells how Axis agents, sent by the Grand Mufti, parachuted into Iraq during the war.

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